

NATION IN GRIP OF MONEY RING, SAYS WILLIAMS

Ruinous Rates Fixed on Bil-
lions of Loans, Declares
Comptroller.

BANKS UNDER SWAY

Official Says Small Coterie
Meets Daily to Wield Ex-
traordinary Control.

(By Universal Service.)

Investigation reveals that a lit-
tle coterie of brokers who meet
in the New York Stock Exchange
every morning arbitrarily fix the
interest rate charged for renewal
loans throughout the day, and so
control all financial operations in
Wall Street and throughout the
country, according to a statement
issued yesterday by John Skelton
Williams, Comptroller of the Curren-
cy.

The group varies from four to
eight on different days, the Stock
Exchange, Mr. Williams says, being
usually represented by either the
president or one or more of its gov-
ernors.

Between October 1, 1919, and Au-
gust 1, 1920, the Comptroller finds
no less than 11,000 loans, aggregat-
ing \$1,400,000,000, were made at from
10 to 15 per cent interest, while
on forty-two different days nation-
al banks participated in loans ag-
gregating \$1,100,000,000 at from 15
to 30 per cent.

The rates for all these loans, the
Comptroller asserts, were arbitrar-
ily fixed by the same little group.

"Nearly every national bank in
New York has admitted," Mr. Will-
iams asserts, "that when the rate
is posted the rates charged on
brokers' or Street loans are changed
to conform."

Control Rates Generally

"By raising or lowering the rates
they are able," Mr. Williams says,
"to govern the movement of stocks
and bonds, and to control rates for
interest and call money throughout
the length and breadth of the
country."

"The unjustifiable interest exacted
on demand loans aggregating bil-
lions of dollars," he says, "are an
active contributing cause of ex-
orbitant rates for new capital
charged cities, railroads, industrial,
public and private enterprises. It
is responsible for the huge shrinkage
in security values during the past
year."

"The New York call money rates,"
he said, "are the highest in the
world." The Comptroller continues:
"Lincoln axiom that God
never made a man or woman who
could be entrusted with unlimited
power over another man may be supple-
mented with the suggestion that no
four, six, or eight men are strong
enough, or ought to be entrusted
with unlimited power over the fi-
nances of a great country without
direct responsibility and accounting
for their acts to the public or some
other intelligent authority."

Grip Heart of Commerce.

"Power to fix money rates for all
or nearly all of the banks of New
York City, and to control them day
by day, is a grip on the heart of our
commerce. It permits such interference
as fallible judgment, whim or in-
terest may direct with the natural
and orderly movements of money,
the blood of business."

"We condemn radical writers and
speakers who advocate such inter-
ferences and regard them as public
enemies. Yet the matter of arbitrar-
ily fixing money rates at the money
corner of the city, and the impossi-
bility of reversing the national
distribution of money through the
country to meet the needs of com-
merce and agriculture."

"Excessive interest rates offered
in New York City to attract money
away from outside commu-
nities through their banks, and of-
ten leave legitimate enterprises
starved or pinched, while feeding
speculative movements which may
be adding nothing to the indus-
trial or commercial wealth."

Enormous Rates Charged.

"The sworn reports to this of-
fice during the period from
October 1, 1919, to August 1,
1920, there were made by the na-
tional banks in New York City more
than 4,000 loans at rates of 15, 20
and 30 per cent per annum, of
which the amount of these loans ag-
gregated over \$600,000,000."

"The records also show that the
total loans outstanding upon which
interest of 15 to 30 per cent was
being charged by a portion of these
banks on forty-two different days
aggregated over \$1,100,000,000. In
my statement of July 31 the banks
were charged with making loans at
10, 12 and 15 per cent. The actual
figures indicate that my statement
was extremely conservative."

"The records also show that the
amount of loans made during the
same period at rates in excess of
10 per cent and up to 15 per
cent, amounted to over \$1,400,000,
000, there being over 11,000 of such
loans."

"In addition to the above the
aggregate of the loans upon which
they were charging, on eighty-one
different days, interest in excess of
10 per cent and up to 15 per
cent, was about \$900,000,000. The
"brokers" or "Street loans" upon
which the New York banks during
the period referred to were charg-
ing more than 8 per cent per
annum and up to 10 per cent, reach
in the aggregate some billions of
dollars."

Hoard of \$48,000 Found in Shanty Of Dead Hermit

McMechan, W. Va., Oct. 17.—
A simple shanty in the woods and
a meager ration of food satisfied
Robert A. Chambers, 60 years
old. His poverty often drew
comment of welfare workers of
this section.

He was found dead yesterday.
He was worth \$48,000.

His bank book showed deposits
of \$6,000. Among his holdings
in the cabin were \$1,000 in Lib-
erty bonds. A deed showed him
to be the owner of a farm worth
\$40,000 near Cameron, W. Va.

Girl in Boat Shot in Back; Stranger Held

Miss Elsa Howell in Hospital
Corroborates Man's Plea
Of Accident.

Miss Elsa Howell, 27 years old,
of 613 Twenty-second street, with-
out relatives in Washington, hav-
ing come here from Indianapolis as
a war worker, today lies at the
Emergency Hospital, as the result
of a Sunday afternoon fishing ex-
pedition when she was shot and
seriously wounded.

James W. Meredith, 32 years old,
of Benning, who fired the shot, is
held at the First precinct police
station. The shooting was an ac-
cident, according to both.

Miss Howell was shot through the
back.

Headquarters Detectives Morgan,
Flaherty and Robey learned Miss
Howell and Elgin H. Blacklock, of
1184 Morse street, northeast, had
been fishing on the Eastern Branch
every Sunday during the past
month.

Firing Brings Surprise.

Yesterday they were just above
the Benning Bridge, and after they
had been fishing for some time Mer-
edith appeared, firing his revolver
into the water for target practice.

Blacklock told the police the bullets
cutting through the water were
coming close to their boat. He
shouted to Meredith, but with the
firing of the next shot Miss Howell
screamed and fell forward in the
boat.

After the shooting Meredith walk-
ed to his home and placed the re-
volver under the mattress of his
bed, where he said it belonged. He
is being arrested by Detectives
Flaherty and Morgan, near the
Benning bridge.

Only Exercising With Pistol.

He said that he went to his room
yesterday afternoon and taking the
revolver out thought he would have
a little target practice. This pos-
sibility had not occurred to him, he
said, until he saw the bullet holes
in the mattress.

Blacklock, who is married, has
known Miss Howell for several
years, having met her in the West.
He is engaged in handling financial mat-
ters for her since her arrival in
Washington two years ago to work
in the War Department.

Fake Crook Pulls Too Long a Bow; Lands in Lock-up

New York, Oct. 17.—Rule number
999 in the book of higher salesman-
ship, according to Henry C. Toback,
requires that the salesman pose as
a crook or a smuggler. This pose,
if well portrayed, will impress the
buyer with the idea that he or she
is about to buy stolen goods, and
therefore certain to get a bargain.
Big profits and an easy sale are there-
by assured.

But this morning Henry waved his
hands, said the rule was wrong,
and declared he would never obey
it again.

Toback had a \$5,000 fur coat he
wanted to sell. His plan was to rep-
resent it as a \$50,000 sable coat
smuggled into the country, and give
it away for a mere \$25,000. He
chose as his victims the sisters,
Miss Catherine and Charlotte
Poisson.

That part of his plan was splendid
but Toback tried introducing crook
atmosphere by declaring in a whis-
per that he was the man who stole
the Caruso jewels.

The girls called the police and his
assertion concerning the jewels was
recorded on dictaphones. He was
arrested in West Side court today,
charged with having received stolen
goods.

Toback proved that he is in the
fur business, being a partner of one
Julius Klein. He said he was a
justice of the peace in Union Hill,
N. J., at one time.

About fifteen well dressed men,
appeared in court today to testify
to the good character of Toback.

Man Saws Off Support of His Own Scaffold

(Special to Washington Herald.)

Winchester, Va., Oct. 17.—
Thornton J. Marston, of Edin-
burg, is in a serious condition as
the result of three falls within
the last few weeks. Not long
ago he was working on a scaf-
fold, and by mistake sawed off
the support which held the scaf-
fold.

He had hardly recovered from
this fall, when he lost his bal-
ance on another scaffold and fell.
A day or two ago he was adjust-
ing rafters at a large new hen-
nery when he became dizzy and
fell, striking against a concrete
foundation and inflicting a se-
vere gash near his ear.

BRITAIN FACES ELECTION CALL FROM PREMIER

Lloyd George May Present
Labor Question to
Voters.

RAIL WALKOUT FEARED

Severe Rationing Orders
Enforced and Factories
Prepare to Close.

London, Oct. 17.—Unemploy-
ment as a result of the coal
strike is spreading. Seventy
thousand pottery workers in
Staffordshire are idle and 100-
000 in the Swansea tin plate
and steel district, and 24,000 in
South Wales are out of work.
Fifty steel, iron and blast fur-
naces in Glasgow district are
closing. Dockers in Plymouth
and Dartmouth are idle because
of the prohibition against the
coaling of ships.

London, Oct. 17.—Premier Lloyd
George will dissolve Parliament and
go to the country in a general elec-
tion if the railroad men and other
labor organizations join the strike-
ing coal miners. It was learned to-
night.

He would accept the joint action of
the unions as a challenge to
constitutional government and as
an action to ask the people to choose
between parliamentary government
and labor dictatorship, amounting
to Sovietism. J. H. Thomas, John R.
Clynes and other leaders are ex-
pected to advise a limitation of
the strike because they feel that
the country is not ripe for any
great change.

The small opposition to the pre-
mier, led by former Premier H. H.
Asquith, will support the govern-
ment coalition in the debates Tues-
day.

Railway Vote Wednesday.

The discussion of the premier's
condonation of the policy of re-
prisals in Ireland is to be sidetracked
for the time being. The opposition
refraining for fear that it might
rather than suffer themselves to be
in the labor fight.

Until now the miners stand alone.
None of the other great unions
have called out the men, there is
some talk of some general denounce-
ment from the public. It is considered
quite possible, however, that the
railroad men, at their meeting on
Wednesday, will declare a synchro-
nized strike.

If the railroad men decide to
strike it would practically force the
other great trade unions to follow,
rather than suffer themselves to be
weakened by endangering the suc-
cess of the strike.

Hope in Parliament

Despite protestations from all
sides of the desire for settlement,
there was no real action toward
that end by the government or the
employers or the miners. The only
hope of the public is Parliament.
The commons reassembles Tuesday
and there is the distinct possibility
that some action may be taken look-
ing toward renewal of negotiations.

The parliamentary Labor party
will caucus tomorrow on its policy.
One of its moves will be to insist
that the government distribute to
the men the wage contributions
paid by the men under the unem-
ployment act during the war. The
government will be expected to
finance the strike for a full month.
In the meantime the government
is preparing for the worst. Army
and navy leave of absence has been
stopped. Police chiefs all over
the nation are enlisting volunteers.
In all areas the leaders of the miners
have appealed to their men for dis-
cipline and the maintenance of
order.

Idleness for 2,000,000 Looms

The plants chiefly dependent on
coal are making plans to close
down. Within a week it is certain
that, including the miners, more
than 2,000,000 men will be idle. The
first plants to close will be the
metal and pottery.

Premier Lloyd George is con-
stantly within easy call of the
Downing street office and is ready
to listen to proposals from any re-
sponsible parties that may lead to
the stopping of the strike.

The defense of the realm act,
passed for the war emergency, is
again in full operation. It is un-
lawful for any family to obtain coal
if it now has more than a half ton.
Minerals without coal are permitted
100 pounds a week. Factories have
been limited to consumption of fifty
per cent of normal. The use of gas
and electricity has been drastically
limited, and the three men pursued
under the ban. The food controller
has issued an antihoarding warn-
ing, prohibiting the accumulation of
more than a week's supply of food-
stuffs.

The sugar ration has been cut
from twelve to eight ounces.

PINCHOT SAYS HARDING FOLLOWS ROOSEVELT

New York, Oct. 17.—Gifford Pin-
chot, Progressive Republican, a
close friend and follower of the late
Col. Roosevelt, has just issued the
following statement, concerning
Senator Harding's social justice
commitments:

"Senator Harding's speech at Mar-
ion on Social Justice Day, reached
the high-water mark of his cam-
paign. It was the definite com-
mitment of the Republican party to
the principles of social justice laid
down by Theodore Roosevelt. It lifted
the whole campaign to a new and
higher plane."

Cotton Gin to Reopen,
Defying Night Riders

Albany, Ala., Oct. 17.—Following
a conference of cotton growers at
Kitch's gin, several miles east of
here, it was announced that the gin,
which was closed a week ago fol-
lowing the receipt of warnings,
would be reopened Monday.
The farmers pledged their aid in
protecting the property.

SING SING DESPERADOES FLEE THROUGH POSSES' NET IN N. Y.

New York, Oct. 17.—Racing—
along New England roads are
two desperadoes of the most
vicious type, both convicts newly
escaped from Sing Sing.

Several posesses, augmented by
irate farmers, are spreading out
on their trail. Both the pursued
and the posesses are seated in
high-powered automobiles. The
convicts are armed with shotguns
and revolvers. The man hunt-
ers carry revolvers and
high-powered rifles.

The convicts are George
Sellers, 21 years old, who, at
the age of 18, murdered a police-
man after a day of robbery and
riot and Marcus Bassett, a
notorious automobile thief.

Both men "flushed out" last
night by sandbagging keepers
and walking through the gates.
Before they went they cut the
wires leading to the room con-
taining the records, so that when
an attempt was made to look up
their records immediately after
their escape was discovered, the
prison authorities were unable
to do so on account of darkness.

FIRST OF IRISH FASTERS DEAD

Michael Fitzgerald, 67 Days
Without Food, Expires
In Cork Prison.

London, Oct. 17.—Michael Fitz-
gerald, an Irish hungerstriker held
in the jail at Cork, died tonight af-
ter going sixty-seven days without
food. His death is the first of its
kind in Western civilization.

Fitzgerald was arrested in Sep-
tember 1919. He was accused of kill-
ing Private Jones, a British soldier,
at Fermoy, Ireland, on September 7,
1919. On July 21, this year, the Cork
assizes found a true bill against him
but his trial was indefinitely de-
layed because of the nonattendance
of jurors.

On August 11 he, with ten other
Irishmen in the Cork jail, started a
hunger strike. He was given medical
attention by the prison physician
and was nursed by Catholic nuns.

Fitzgerald had been without food
about thirty hours longer than Ter-
ence MacSwiney, the lord mayor of
Cork, who is hungerstriking in Brix-
ton Prison, London. In common with
the other Irish hungerstrikers
Fitzgerald had refused food as a
protest against his arrest and im-
prisonment by the British govern-
ment.

BODY OF SLAIN STUDENT FOUND

Dartmouth Senior Killed in
Philadelphia; \$900
Left in Pockets.

Philadelphia, Oct. 17.—The body of
Elmer G. Drewes, 23 years old, a
senior at Dartmouth College, was
found near Adam's Lane and the
city line at 6:30 this morning by a
lampighter. A bullet wound was
over the left eye.

Drewes lay on his back in the
grass. His hands were folded over
his chest. His overcoat was draped
over the lower part of his body.

Detectives believe he was killed
in some other district and brought
to the spot by his slayer.

In Drewes' pocket were a rail-
road ticket to Reading, Pa., \$200 in
cash, a watch, \$500 in liberty bonds,
two cars, a key, a silver watch, and
his father, Christian T. Drewes, and
a slip of paper on which was his
name and address. His rings were
not removed.

The father later identified the body
of his son. Drewes said he left the
young man at 9:30 o'clock Saturday
night. Elmer intended to go to
Reading to buy an automobile, by
which he expected to travel to Dar-
mouth.

RED MUTINEERS FIGHT TROOPS FROM MOSCOW

By KARL H. VON HESINGAND.

Berlin, Oct. 17.—A Helsingand
dispatch to the German News
Agency quotes the Petrograd Kras-
naya Gazeta as saying: "The Mos-
cow government is sending Red
troops to the Volga region to put
down a serious revolt of the peas-
ants."

Nizhni Novgorod is in the hands
of the rebels after bloody street
fighting. Another uprising is re-
ported in Smolensk, where the Red
carrion of 8,000 men joined and
the workers. The insurgents took
possession of government buildings.
The arrival of loyal Red troops
brought on a battle in which the
revolt was put down, and an ar-
tillery bombardment of Smolensk
lasting more than twenty-four
hours. The Sixty-ninth Brigade of
Red sharpshooters is reported to
have captured 1,200 of the mutineers.

Greek King Grows Worse; Regency to Be Considered

London, Oct. 17.—The condition
of King Alexander of Greece has sud-
denly taken a turn for the worse,
according to dispatches received
here today.

The Greek parliament will be
summoned by the cabinet at once
to consider the question of a re-
gency.

Anglo-Egypt Air Line Planned.

London, Oct. 17.—Plans to organ-
ize the government passenger
transport service to include air
lines, are revealed by Sir Trevor
Dawson, chairman of Vickers, Lim-
ited. The first experimental run
between London and Alexandria
to Egypt at a cost of \$2,500,000, and
the full service will cost \$10,000,000.
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RED CONGRESS VOWS WAR ON UNITED STATES

Swear Over Naked Sword
To Overthrow "Capital-
ism" Wherever Found.

SEA FIGHTERS RUSHED

Six More Destroyers Or-
dered to Reinforce Squad-
ron in Black Sea.

Eighteen hundred and ninety-one
delegates to the Third Internationale
at Baku, Azerbaidjan, have dis-
banded after taking solemn oath
upon a naked sword to work night
and day to overthrow "capitalism,"
as they term the present govern-
ments of the world, it was an-
nounced officially at the State De-
partment yesterday.

Zinovieff, president of the Petro-
grad Soviet, is regarded as responsi-
ble for the program. He was quoted
at Halle, Germany, on Thursday as
having stated that the United States
will be included in the movement.
Three delegates from this country
were present at the Baku meetings.

Increase Black Sea Force.

The present advance of the Soviet
troops through Armenia is regarded
here as part of the program. As a
result, the United States has already
reinforced its squadron based upon
Baku in the Black Sea. It was
stated today that six more destroy-
ers, the Sturtevant, McFarland,
Childs, Reuben James, Sands and
Williamson will join the force
abroad as soon as they can be made
ready for sea.

Japan, it is stated, will propose
joint action by all the powers to
check the movement in Asia.

"The permanent work of this
gathering of radical elements is
now to be carried on by a 'Soviet
of Action and Propaganda,' which
will work in contact with and under
the control of the Communist In-
ternationale," said the State Depart-
ment in its announcement yesterday.

Headquarters at Baku.

"The headquarters of this 'Soviet
of Action' will be at Baku. The
Congress has also established a
permanent committee of nine mem-
bers, of whom two are always to
be representatives of the Communist
Internationale. The Communist ma-
jority dominated the Baku Congress
and the Communists hereafter will
control the radical propaganda in
the East."

"The battlefield of the Soviet
movement would embrace Asia as
well as Europe under the plans and
opinion of leaders like Zinovieff, but
President of the Petrograd Soviet,
and Radek, President of the Moscow
Soviet. It is their announced pur-
pose not only to fight 'capitalism'
with their Bolshevik doctrine, but
to fight also the authority and in-
fluence in Asia of all the world
powers that have interests on that
continent."

Auto Hits Man, Another Woman, Crossing Street

George C. Parker, 60 years old,
of the Ontario apartments, was se-
verely injured yesterday when
knocked down by an automobile at
Lanier place and Calvert street
northwest. The auto was operated
by Mrs. John G. Klein, of 1215 Girard
street northwest. He was treated
at home by his family physician.

"This whole matter of Calvert street
near Fifteenth street northwest,
yesterday afternoon, Mrs. Ol-
lie Reilly, 31 years old, of 212
Twelfth street southwest, was
knocked down by an automobile. She
suffered slight injuries, but refused
hospital treatment.

A car of the Capital Traction
Company yesterday collided with an
automobile stuck in New York ave-
nue, near Fourteenth street north-
west, causing slight damage.

IRISH SLAY TROOPER ON GRIM MISSION

Dublin, Oct. 17.—Sergeant Roche of
the Royal Irish Constabulary who
came here to the States to identify
a Sinn Féin man who was killed Thurs-
day, was shot to death a few hours
after his arrival.

Three Sinn Féin men attacked him.
He was slain after three men pursued
him for two blocks, finally shooting
him dead. A man and woman in the
line of the chase, were struck by
bullets. A military truck was am-
bulled in Mission street. Three of
the soldiers on it were wounded.

PASTOR HELD CRUEL FOR HOLDING \$90 JOB

Cleveland, Oct. 17.—Rev. Benjamin
F. Sherwin, 55, has been adjudged
cruel and unjust to his family by a
court not quitting his \$90 a month
pastorship in a church here by Judge
Phillips of the common pleas court.
His wife, Mrs. Sherwin, is divorcing
him on the grounds of cruelty.

Mrs. Sherwin filed a counter peti-
tion charging her husband with
cruelty for failure to supply more
than his salary of \$90 monthly.

U. S. FINANCIAL WILL OPEN BIG SESSIONS TODAY

Banker Envoys
In D.C. Control
\$3,000,000,000

At least \$2,000,000,000 in bank-
ing capital is represented among
the 4,000 delegates to the Ameri-
can Bankers' Association conven-
tion, it was declared last night
by a prominent official of the or-
ganization.

The A. B. A. represents the
credit machinery of the nation
so completely that it is said any
action taken by the convention
will have a decided effect on all
business.

Before the sessions of the na-
tional convention close at the end of
the week, the association is expected
to express itself effectively along
the lines of reduced govern-
mental expenditures, the clearing
for more business-like methods
and an improved national budget
system.

More Than 4,000 Money
Kings from All Over the
Country Expected to At-
tend Sessions—Sections
Of New Constitution Dis-
cussed at Conference.

About 4,000 delegates from all
sections of the United States have
arrived last night for the forty-
sixth annual convention of the
American Bankers' Association.

At a meeting last night heads
of the five sections of the organiza-
tion adopted a new constitution,
centering control of the sections.
The administrative committee and
the former presidents of the or-
ganization also attended the meet-
ing.

The draft of the new constitution
was drawn by M. A. Taylor, chair-
man of the constitutional revision
committee and chairman of the
committee on State legislation. He
is president of the First Trust and
Savings Bank of Chicago.

The new constitution will go be-
fore the general sessions with but
few changes, to be adopted by that
body.

The adoption last night after a
fight of several hours, means sub-
stantially that the various branch-
es hereafter will not function in-
dependently of the general body.

After two days of "ironing out"
differences between the various
sections of the association for pre-
sentation to the general sessions of
the convention, President Richard
S. Hawes and officials of the bank-
ers' organization declared last night
that all is in readiness for "bring-
ing the big guns" of the convention,
which officially opens this morning.

Long lines of prominent bankers
from every section of the country
filed past batteries of registration
clerks in the various hotels all day
yesterday, and the total is now ex-
pected to pass the 4,000 mark.

The opening features of yester-
day's conference were discus-
sions on the question of clear-
ance and the objection of the trust
company section to certain
parts of the new constitution.

The objection of the trust com-
pany men centered about the section
of the new constitution which makes
the five sections of the association
divisions under the executive com-
mittee. The section in question
lengthy conferences, which are said
to have brought the section "into
line," were held behind closed doors
by the trust company section and
the administrative committee of the
A. B. A.

BLUE LAW ZEAL JAILS OFFICIAL

Tangier Island Constable
Taken to Prison as Par-
don Fails.

(Special to The Washington Herald.)

Accomac C. H., Va., Oct. 17.—
Charles C. Connorton, the Tangier
Island constable, who shot and se-
riously wounded a boy early in the
summer because the boy refused to
attend church services on Sunday,
has been taken from the Accomac
Jail to the penitentiary, where he
will serve a year.

The Connorton case was one of
the strangest dramas ever enacted
in this section of the country, and
caused nation-wide comment and
discussion. An old ordinance of
Tangier Island prohibited a man
from standing on the street or sit-
ting on a porch during church hours.
He either had to attend church or
stay home.

Roland Parks, 17 years old, was
ordered from the street. The boy
started for his home and was fol-
lowed by the constable. When
Parks reached his home he sat upon
the porch. He was ordered to get
in the house and refused. After a
scuffle the constable drew his gun
and fired, the bullet passing through
Parks' back. He was removed to
Crisfield, Md. hospital. Connorton
was arrested. When his case was
called in Accomac hundreds of the
islanders testified. After a legal
battle Connorton was convicted of
unlawfully shooting the boy and
was sentenced to one year in the
penitentiary. Efforts were made for
a retrial or a pardon.

Gambling Banned In Naughty Paris After Wild Days

Paris, Oct. 17.—The "lid" is down
tight on gambling in Paris.

A few days ago nearly every
block in some districts held a
gambling house. Faro-bank, poker,
baccarat, blackjack, and dice games
flourished.

Without warning, police started
their campaign by swooping down
on billiard palaces on the Grand
Boulevards. It was found that
thousands of people bet millions of
francs in these places daily on the
results of games. One of the bil-
lard rooms was the most famous in
Europe.

Bookmakers who haunt the "Ameri-
can" bars. There are several hun-
dred of these in Paris, many di-
rected by Americans. Most have
sprung up since prohibition in
America.

"Ever Pasha, ex-Minister of War
of Turkey, addressed the congress
in the name of the Turkish re-
public, the Republic of Morocco, Tunis,
Tripoli, Turkey and Arabia. He
spoke from a prepared paper, af-
firming that Soviet Russia and the
Communist Internationale were the
"most trustworthy and sincere allies
of the oppressed peoples."

WRITER OUT ON BAIL PENDING EXTRADITION

New York, Oct. 17.—Police today
are continuing their search for
George T. Stage, New York news-
paperman, in connection with the
disappearance of his 2-year-old son,
"Bobby," from the home of his
mother in Tacoma, Wash.

Miss Betty Brainerd, fiction writer
and daughter of a Seattle editor,
who was arrested here last week on
a charge of complicity in the kid-
napping, is at liberty on \$3,000 bail
awaiting arrival of extradition
papers from Washington.

Mrs. Rinehart Favors Gangs For Yank Girls

New York, Oct. 17.—"Mother,
I'm going out to join the gang,"
mentions daughter.

"O. K.," murmurs mother.

Mrs. Mary Roberts Rinehart
advocates the "gang spirit"
among girls, she announced to-
day when she accepted the post
as chairman of the girl scout
membership campaign.

"The girls need to be taught,"
she added, "that their young
bodies are to be used as well as
decorated. Until they learn that
we shall have sickly mothers and
puny babies."

Root Plans League Attack.

New York, Oct. 17.—Elihu Root
will attack the league of nations
covenant as presented by President
Wilson to the Senate, in an ad-
dress under auspices of the Na-
tional Republican Club here on Tues-
day night. It will be his first pub-
lic speech since his return from
the Hague Conference.